

# WORD CHARTS TO HELP WITH DESCRIPTIVE AND NARRATIVE WRITING



## List of Emotions

Confusion	Sad	Strong	Happy	Anger	Energized
Uncertain	Depressed	Sure	Amused	Annoyed	Determined
Upset	Desperate	Certain	Delighted	Agitated	Inspired
Doubtful	Dejected	Unique	Glad	Fed up	Creative
Uncertain	Heavy	Dynamic	Pleased	Irritated	Healthy
Indecisive	Crushed	Tenacious	Charmed	Mad	Renewed
Perplexed	Disgusted	Hardy	Grateful	Critical	Vibrant
Embarrassed	Upset	Secure	Optimistic	Resentful	Strengthened
Hesitant	Hateful	Empowered	Content	Disgusted	Motivated
Shy	Sorrowful	Ambitious	Joyful	Outraged	Focused
Lost	Mournful	Powerful	Enthusiastic	Raging	Invigorated
Unsure	Weepy	Confident	Loving	Furious	Refreshed
Pessimistic	Frustrated	Bold	Marvelous	Livid	
Tense		Determined		Bitter	

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### Sensory Words

Keep the following lists of words to help you improve your writing. Using sensory words can help you provide more details and examples in your writing.

**SOUND WORDS**

Hangings	croaking	laughing	ringing	tinkling
Barking	crunching	moaning	rumbling	thudding
Bawling	crying	mooring	rustling	thumping
Blaring	dripping	mumbling	scratching	ticking
Booming	exploding	muttering	screaming	twittering
Buzzing	fizzing	noisy	screeching	warbling
Chattering	gagging	peeping	singing	wheezing
Chiming	gasping	piercing	slamming	whimpering
Chirping	giggling	pinging	shouting	whining
Clanging	grating	plopping	silent	whispering
Clicking	grunting	quacking	snoring	whooping
Clinking	gurgling	quiet	splashing	
Cooing	hissing	rapping	squawking	
Coughing	honking	rasping	stuttering	
Crackling	jangling	riming	tearing	

**TOUCH WORDS**

Abrasive	feathery	knobbed	sandy	spongy
Biting	fine	lacy	scalding	steamy
Boiling	fluffy	leathery	scorching	steely
Bubby	foamy	light	scratchy	sticky
Bulky	freezing	lukewarm	scummy	stifled
Bumpy	furry	matted	shaggy	stinging
Burning	fuzzy	metallic	sharp	stony
Bushy	glassy	moist	silky	stubby
Clammy	aluev	mushy	slimy	tanaled

limp	mirrorlike	burning	blazing	blistering	arctic
pithy	flush	curious	sizzling	broiling	cool
pulpy	even	eerie	hot	burning	dry
satiny	uniform	prickling	warm	feverish	freezing
silken	frictionless	stinging	cold	fiery	calm
coarse	porous	strange	dusty	flaming	frosty
stiff	rubbery	tingling	rough	parching	glacial
strong	springy	spongy	abrasive	roasting	nippy
firm	elastic	gritty	crumbly	scalding	delicate
sharp	supple	jagged	lumpy	stuffy	creamy
barbed	wobbly	soft	powdery	stale	elastic
horned	stirring	smooth	sandy	humid	flexible
itch	charged	hard	scratchy	fetid	mushy
throb	stimulating	slick	tufted	muggy	pliable
grainy	electrifying	prickly	woolly	stagnant	supple
	arousing	bristly	uruly	airy	thin
	energizing	fluffy	stiff	breezy	velvety
	hair raising	furry	silky	rumpled	cottony
	vibes	hairy		feathery	cushiony
	tingles	wiry			doughy
		leafy			flabby
					fleshy
					fluid
					formless
					gelatinous
					pointy
					serrated
					spiked
					splintery
					thorny
					glassy

# Touchy feely words



Sight	Sound	Touch	Taste	Smell
bleary	bellow	balmy	appetizing	acid
blurred	blare	biting	bitter	aroma
brilliant	buzz	bristly	bland	aromatic
colorless	cackle	bumpy	creamy	fetid
dazzling	cheer	chilly	delectable	foul-smelling
dim	clamor	coarse	delicious	fragrant
dingy	clang	cold	flavorful	moldy
faded	crackle	cool	flavorless	musty
faint	creak	crawly	gingery	nidorous
flashy	grumble	creepy	luscious	odiferous
gaudy	gurgle	cuddly	nauseating	odor
glance	hiss	dusty	palatable	odorless
gleaming	howl	feathery	peppery	old
glimpse	hush	feverish	piquant	perfumed
glistening	jabber	fluffy	refreshing	pungent
glittering	mumble	furry	ripe	putrid
gloomy	murmur	fuzzy	rotten	rancid
glossy	mutter	gooey	salty	rank
glowing	rant	greasy	savory	reeking
grimy	rave	gritty	scrumptious	scent
hazy	roar	hairly	sharp	scented
indistinct	rumble	hot	sour	smell
misty	rustle	icy	spicy	spicy
peer	screech	limp	spoiled	steno
radiant	shriek	lumpy	stale	sweet
shadowy	shrill	moist	sugary	waft
shimmering	sizzle	oily	sweet	whiff
shiny	snarl	powdery	tangy	
smudged	squawk	prickly	tasteless	
sparkling	squeal	scratchy	tasty	
streaked	swish	shivery	unappetizing	
striped	thud	silky	unripe	
tarnished	thump	slimy	vinegary	
twinkling	whimper	slippery	yummy	
	yelp	spongy	zesty	
		springy		
		squashy		
		sticky		
		sweaty		
		velvety		

## Writing about imagery

Use the sentence starters below to write a paragraph about the use of imagery in the poem.

### Song of the Old Mother

'Song of the Old Mother' uses imagery very effectively.

Words such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ convey...

The image \_\_\_\_\_ creates a mood of...

Contrast is used...

Some imagery has an emotive effect...



# Strong Adjectives List

Appearance	Condition	Feeling	Shape	Size	Sound	Time
✓ Adorable	✓ Alive	✓ Angry	✓ Broad	✓ Big	✓ Deafening	✓ Ancient
✓ Adventurous	✓ Bad	✓ Arrogant	✓ Chubby	✓ Colossal	✓ Faint	✓ Brief
✓ Alert	✓ Better	✓ Awful	✓ Crooked	✓ Fat	✓ Harsh	✓ Early
✓ Attractive	✓ Breakable	✓ Black	✓ Curved	✓ Gigantic	✓ High-pitched	✓ Fast
✓ Bloody	✓ Careful	✓ Bored	✓ Deep	✓ Great	✓ Hissing	✓ Late
✓ Bright	✓ Clever	✓ Confused	✓ Flat	✓ Immense	✓ Hushed	✓ Long
✓ Cloudy	✓ Crazy	✓ Cruel	✓ High	✓ Large	✓ Loud	✓ Modern
✓ Drab	✓ Dead	✓ Dizzy	✓ Hollow	✓ Little	✓ Melodic	✓ Old
✓ Dull	✓ Easy	✓ Evil	✓ Low	✓ Mammoth	✓ Mute	✓ Old-fashioned
✓ Fancy	✓ Expensive	✓ Grumpy	✓ Narrow	✓ Massive	✓ Noisy	✓ Quick
✓ Gorgeous	✓ Fragile	✓ Lazy	✓ Round	✓ Miniature	✓ Quiet	✓ Rapid
✓ Handsome	✓ Frail	✓ Naughty	✓ Shallow	✓ Petite	✓ Raspy	✓ Short
✓ Plain	✓ Helpful	✓ Nutty	✓ Skinny	✓ Puny	✓ Resonant	✓ Slow
✓ Shiny	✓ Gifted	✓ Terrible	✓ Square	✓ Scrawny	✓ Shrill	✓ Swift
✓ Spotless	✓ Modern	✓ Tired	✓ Steep	✓ Short	✓ Soft	✓ Young
✓ Stormy	✓ Open	✓ Upset	✓ Straight	✓ Small	✓ Thundering	
✓ Ugly	✓ Real	✓ Wicked	✓ Wide	✓ Teeny	✓ Voiceless	
✓ Wide-eyed	✓ Super	✓ Worried		✓ Tiny	✓ Whispering	

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Powerful Adjectives					
aggressive	amber	bizarre	bold	brave	calm
caring	charismatic	charming	cheap	clever	courageous
crafty	crazy	creepy	daring	dazzling	detailed
devastated	discreet	distracted	disturbing	dreamy	ecstatic
eerie	elegant	eloquent	emotional	energetic	enormous
evil	exhausted	expensive	feeble	fiesty	frightening
ghastly	gifted	glistening	golden	gorgeous	handsome
helpful	hideous	horrible	horrific	inaudible	intelligent
joyful	lovely	luxurious	malignant	massive	menacing
miniature	minuscule	minute	mundane	peaceful	polite
pleasant	preoccupied	quaint	quick	quiet	revolting

## Extreme Adjectives

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Extreme adjectives are words that mean "extremely + adjective"

Good	Fantastic	Tasty	Delicious
Dirty	Filthy	Old	Ancient
Pretty	Gorgeous	Happy	Thrilled
Surprising	Astounding	Ugly	Hideous
Small	Tiny	Tasty	Delicious
Clean	Spotless	Crowded	Packed
Funny	Hilarious	Tired	Exhausted
Big	Gigantic	Bad	Terrible
Angry	Furious	Sad	Miserable
Hot	Boiling	Afraid	Terrified
Cold	Freezing	Unpleasant	Disgusting
Clever	Brilliant	Dry	Parched
Happy	Jubilant	Weak	Feeble
Lively	Vivacious	Loved	Adored
Wise	Sagacious	Wet	Soaked
Hungry	Ravenous	Thin	Gaunt

## List of Adjectives of Attitude

Adjectives are some of the most common words in the English language. With a list of common adjectives of attitude at hand, you can effectively describe your surroundings in detail. Let's get started!

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Contemplative | 51. Compassionate |
| 2. Conventional  | 52. Complimentary |
| 3. Critical      | 53. Condemnatory  |
| 4. Disappointed  | 54. Condescension |
| 5. Disdainful    | 55. Confident     |
| 6. Disgruntled   | 56. Consoling     |
| 7. Disgusted     | 57. Ironic        |
| 8. Disinterested | 58. Irreverent    |
| 9. Dreamy        | 59. Irritated     |
| 10. Droll        | 60. Joking        |

11. Earnest  
12. Ecstatic  
13. Elated  
14. Elevated  
15. Encouraging  
16. Energetic  
17. Enthusiastic  
18. Excited  
19. Fanciful  
20. Friendly  
21. Furious  
22. Giddy  
23. Gloomy  
24. Happy  
25. Harsh  
26. Hateful  
27. Haughty  
28. Hopeful  
29. Humorous  
30. Hurtful  
31. Impassioned  
32. Indignant  
33. Inflammatory  
34. Insolent  
35. Intimate  
36. Amused  
37. Angry  
38. Arrogant  
39. Artificial  
40. Authoritative  
41. Brave  
42. Callous  
43. Calm  
44. Caustic  
45. Cheerful  
46. Cheery  
47. Childish

61. Joyful  
62. Jubilant  
63. Judgmental  
64. Lighthearted  
65. Mock-heroic  
66. Objective  
67. Obnoxious  
68. Optimistic  
69. Outraged  
70. Passionate  
71. Passive  
72. Peaceful  
73. Pessimistic  
74. Playful  
75. Pleasant  
76. Proud  
77. Reflective  
78. Relaxed  
79. Reverent  
80. Ribald  
81. Ridicule  
82. Romantic  
83. Sad  
84. Scornful  
85. Shameful  
86. Sharp  
87. Silly  
88. Sincere  
89. Smooth  
90. Snooty  
91. Solemn  
92. Superficial  
93. Surprised  
94. Sweet  
95. Testy  
96. Threatening  
97. Tired

48. Choleric  
49. Coarse  
50. Comical

98. Uninterested  
99. Vibrant  
100. Whimsical

## OTHER WAYS TO SAY...

nice	good	bad	sad	happy
enjoyable pleasurable thoughtful courteous lovely likeable pleasing gracious congenial cordial admirable considerate	excellent amazing wonderful pleasant marvelous exceptional fantastic super outstanding terrific splendid stupendous	awful rotten naughty mean dreadful nasty wicked lousy terrible unpleasant disagreeable wretched	depressed gloomy miserable cheerless unhappy gloomy forlorn sorrowful upset downcast fearful somber	cheerful delighted pleased glad joyful ecstatic content jovial amused merry thrilled elated
laughed	like	said	big	little
giggled chuckled roared howled whooped snickered guffawed shrieked grinned cackled bellowed chortled	admire approve adore treasure fancy marvel appreciate respect cherish fond desire enjoy	commented replied remarked declared stated exclaimed shouted whispered announced responded boasted explained	huge giant gigantic enormous large massive colossal immense bulky hefty tremendous jumbo	small tiny petite miniature teeny itsy-bitsy miniscule mini minute microscopic skimpy wee
ran	walked	pretty	looked	scared
bolled sped hurried sprinted jogged rushed galloped hustled skipped raced dashed fled	strolled sauntered tiptoed trotted marched glided strutted shuffled crept treaded hiked paraded	beautiful gorgeous appealing cute lovely exquisite attractive elegant handsome stunning fair dazzling	gazed examined glanced viewed observed peeked stared watched inspected spied studied noticed	afraid frightened spooked horrified startled fearful petrified anxious aghast alarmed terrified shaken

## The Strong Verbs List

- Absorb
- Advance
- Advise
- Alter
- Amend
- Amplify
- Attack
- Balloon
- Bash
- Batter
- Beam
- Beef
- Blab
- Blast
- Bolt
- Boost
- Brief
- Broadcast
- Brood
- Burst
- Bus
- Bust
- Capture
- Catch
- Charge
- Chap
- Chip
- Clasp
- Climb
- Clutch
- Collide
- Command
- Commune
- Cower
- Crackle
- Crash
- Crave
- Crush
- Dangle
- Dash
- Demolish
- Depart
- Deposit
- Detect
- Deviate
- Devour
- Direct
- Discern
- Discover
- Dismantle
- Download
- Drag
- Drain
- Drip
- Drop
- Eavesdrop
- Engage
- Engulf
- Enlarge
- Ensnare
- Envelop
- Erase
- Escort
- Expand
- Explode
- Explore
- Expose
- Extend
- Extract
- Eyeball
- Fight
- Fish
- Fling
- Fly
- Frown
- Fuse
- Garble
- Gaze
- Glare
- Gleam
- Glisten
- Glitter
- Gobble
- Govern
- Grasp
- Gravitates
- Grip
- Groan
- Grope
- Growl
- Guide
- Gush
- Hack
- Hail
- Heighten
- Hobble
- Hover
- Hurry
- Ignite
- Illuminate
- Inspect
- Instruct
- Intensify
- Intertwine



# POWER WORDS TO BE USED WHEN ANALYZING OR EVALUATING

## Power Verbs

Summarizing rather than analyzing is a typical problem for students when they are supposed to analyze a piece of writing or work of literature. Bland verbs, such as *says* and *relates*, tend to lead the writer into summary. Powerful verbs and verb phrases, used correctly, will make your writing more analytical and to the point.

acknowledges	denigrates	marks	suggests
adds	denotes	masks	summarizes
admonishes	depicts	minimizes	sums
affirms	describes	mocks	supports
allows	determines	narrates	sustains
alludes to	discloses	necessitates	symbolizes
alters	dismisses	notes	tackles
analyzes	disparages	observes	transitions to
argues	dispels	occurs	trivializes
articulates	downplays	opens	turns to
asserts	emphasizes	paints	typifies
attempts	endeavors	persuades	uncovers
attributes	ends	pictures	underscores
bares	enhances	points out	unmasks
begins	epitomizes	portrays	unveils
belittles	establishes	praises	villifies
berates	evokes	produces	visualizes
carries	exaggerates	promises	
casts	excoriates	proves	
challenges	exemplifies	provides	
cites	exists	qualifies	
clarifies	explains	questions	
classifies	explores	quotes	
closes	exposes	reflects	
combines	expresses	refutes	
compares	finishes	reinforces	
concedes	flatters	remains	
concludes	foreshadows	renders	
connects	heightens	represents	
constrains	hints	repudiates	
construes	illuminates	responds	
contains	illustrates	results	
contrasts	implies	reveals	
contributes	includes	reviews	
conveys	indicates	revolves	
creates	induces	ridicules	
criticizes	intimates	serves	
debates	involves	sheds light	
defines	juxtaposes	shifts to	
demonizes	lacks	shows	
demonstrate	lists	signifies	
s	maintains	specifies	
	manipulates	sugarcoats	

## POWER VERBS

argue	establish	juxtapose
assert	express	note
characterize	evoke	portray
claim	focus	propose
convey	foreshadow	reflect
delineate	highlight	represent
demonstrate	identify	reveal
depict	illuminate	show
develop	illustrate	signify
discuss	imply	suggest
display	indicate	state
emphasize	infer	symbolize

## Action Verbs for Rhetorical Analysis

- Uses
- Implies
- Argues
- Arranges
- Demonstrates
- Reasons
- Classifies
- Causes
- Utilizes
- Divides
- Contributes to
- Establishes
- Takes a Stand
- Creates
- Reminds
- Provides
- Reinforces
- Alludes to
- Includes
- Joins Together
- Inspires



# SENTENCE STARTERS

## Words to add an idea

- Furthermore
- In addition to
- For instance
- For example
- As an example
- Additionally
- Moreover
- As well as
- Another reason
- Along with
- Coupled with
- Again
- Correspondingly
- In addition
- Indeed
- In fact
- Identically
- Likewise
- Similarly
- Whereas
- Likewise
- One other thing



## Words that show cause

- Accordingly
- As a result
- Because
- Consequently
- Due to
- For this reason
- For this purpose
- Hence
- Otherwise
- Since
- So then
- Subsequently
- Therefore
- Thereupon
- This is why
- Thus
- Wherefore
- Following this
- As you can see
- For all of those reasons
- So

## Words that show contrast

- Comparatively
- Different from
- Even though
- However
- Although
- Conversely
- Instead
- In comparison
- Nevertheless
- In contrast
- Whereas
- Yet
- On the other hand
- On the contrary
- Other than
- Outside of
- Besides
- Otherwise

## Analytical Phrasing

- The reader supposes...
- It is clear, therefore, that...
- The suggestion here is that...
- Use of the word \_\_\_\_\_ conveys...
- This demonstrates
- This emphasises the fact that
- This proves
- This indicates
- This describes how
- This explains how
- This persuades us to
- This justifies
- This suggests
- Demonstrating that...
- This implies...
- The inference to be drawn from this is..
- The implication being..
- This would suggest..
- The supposition drawn from this being that...
- Leading to the supposition that...

### Examine

#### Cause & Effect

#### SIGNAL WORDS

because/so/then  
 since/due to the fact  
 as a result of  
 therefore/thus  
 this led to/caused  
 consequently  
 subsequently  
 accordingly  
 which in turn  
 hence/it follows that  
 influenced/revealed

\_\_\_ had a significant impact on \_\_\_  
 The major causes of \_\_\_ can be linked with/traced to \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ contributed to \_\_\_ because of \_\_\_  
 One cause/reason for \_\_\_ is \_\_\_  
 As a result of \_\_\_, \_\_\_  
 When \_\_\_, then \_\_\_ consequently/subsequently usually follows  
 Two major causes/critical factors which led to \_\_\_ include:  
 \_\_\_ caused \_\_\_, which in turn resulted in \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ was heavily influenced by \_\_\_, hence it follows that \_\_\_  
 Due to the fact that \_\_\_, \_\_\_

#### Compare & Contrast

#### SIGNAL WORDS

-er/-est  
 are the similar/different  
 but/however/unlike  
 both/the same as  
 have in common  
 compared to  
 a distinction between  
 share common attributes  
 whereas  
 by comparison  
 synonymous with

Although \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ have some similar characteristics, they are very different in that \_\_\_  
 The majority of \_\_\_ are \_\_\_, while/whereas \_\_\_ are \_\_\_  
 The differences/similarities between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are \_\_\_  
 While \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are both \_\_\_, there are several major differences between them, such as \_\_\_  
 The most notable distinction between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ is that the \_\_\_ has/is \_\_\_, while/whereas the \_\_\_ has/is \_\_\_  
 The primary distinction between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ can be described as \_\_\_  
 Their common characteristics include: \_\_\_, \_\_\_, and \_\_\_  
 The similarities between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ indicate \_\_\_  
 A comparison of \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ reveals that \_\_\_  
 The most obvious difference between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ is \_\_\_